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North Smithfield
Parks & Recreation Commission
Town Hall Conference Room
One Main Street, Slatersville, RI
6:30 PM – July 25, 2016
Minutes

1) Call to Order 6:30 PM at Scouters Hall

A sign was placed at Town Hall noting the last minute change of location due to a conflict of meetings at Town Hall conference room.

2) Roll Call: Robert Cesario, Marc Gagnon, George Dys, Rob Skinner, Peter Dowling + Ray Pendergast. Excused: Mike Desrochers.

3) Approval of Minutes (3/28/16) Motion passed.

4) Old Business

a) Pacheco Park Next Steps

The house on the left hand side of Pacheco Park entrance is listed for sale.

The Town cannot purchase the house and demolish it. If the land was made available that might be a viable option.

b) Dog Park – Discussion:

A vote has been taken to table further discussion about creating a dog park until suitable land and appropriate services (lighting, water) is found.

c) Tennis Courts: funds for Pacheco Park

Unused money from the \$75,000 allotment for the Tennis Courts at the High School will be used to make improvements to the tennis and basketball courts at Pacheco Park. Ray noted that Eagle Scout candidate

Knowland's project will add some nice amenities such as players' benches and scorer's table.

d) Administrators' Initiatives: uses for Scouters Hall

The activities that have started on Tuesday and Thursdays at Scouters Hall are going well. It is hoped that additional activities, such as bingo, will be able to be scheduled. Ray noted that evening availability of the Hall is heavily used by the scouting programs.

e) Pacheco Park Walking Trail (signs)

The signs are in. They were donated by Mike Black of National Marker. (ok, I know I have the name wrong)

f) Status of Grants Submission

There are three grants that have been submitted and are pending review. 1.) Land purchase near entrance to Pacheco Park, 2.) Tike Park at land behind Bushee School and 3.) equipment upgrade for playground at Milton & Arnold Street/

5.) New Business

a) Egg Hunt Candy/ Movie Night

Ray stated that the candy that was to be distributed at the Easter Egg Hunt was distributed at the Movie Night held at Pacheco Park

b) Neighborhood Parks Assessment/discussion

Ray noted that while perhaps not heavily used, there is still interest in maintaining the local parks as families in those areas have requested potential upgrades. Grants have been submitted for upgrades to the park behind Bushee School and the park at Milton & Arnold Street.

c) Pumptrack intro discussion

We will look into the possibility of taking up the company who runs pumptrack to hold a demo day, perhaps in conjunction with Little League Field day.

d) Concerts on the Common

The Recreation Department side of DPW is handling the concerts.

e) Tennis Program

The summer instruction program is ongoing and it is self-sufficient.

f) Possible new activities

Discussion was held concerning introduction of new programs like senior bingo.

g) PumpkinFest

The planning of the event is ongoing. The commission has not been asked for assistance.

5) Meeting Adjourned at 7:27 pm